

## NOTES TO CHART IV

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The author and others have expended much time and effort to discover the parentage of Elijah Clark (No. 28) but with results that are, to say the least, indecisive. The following details are offered with a view to assist any one who may desire to carry the investigation further.

The pension record of Elijah Clark shows that he enlisted April 30, 1775, for three months, giving his residence as Boxford, Mass.; that his second enlistment was on April 5th, 1781, when his residence was Hollis, N. H.; that he married Martha Runnels at Hollis, N. H., April 9, 1778, and died Nov. 17, 1806; and finally, that the residence of his widow on February 19, 1846, when she applied for a pension was Methuen, Mass., and her age ninety six.

No record can be found earlier than 1775 that can possibly belong to this Elijah Clark with one exception presently to be noted, though all published vital records of Massachusetts and many not yet published have been diligently searched, as have the wills and deeds of Essex, Worcester and Bristol Counties in that state. His residence in Boxford, Essex County, must have been a transient one, though it is worthy of remark that his widow, after his decease, removed from New Hampshire to Methuen in Essex County, Mass., and lived there until her death, and that the grave stones of both Elijah and his wife are located there.

From wills and deeds we find a Dan Clark and wife Martha Reddington, of Topsfield, Essex Co., Mass., who had a son Elijah, born June 20, 1736, but he married Joanna and died Nov. 12, 1764, leaving only two small children, Humphrey and Mary. His brother Daniel married Hannah Perley Nov. 12, 1771, and had a son Elijah (born Aug. 28, 1772, died Mar. 13, 1776). Our Elijah might have been connected with this family.

A much more interesting possibility leads us to the town of Sutton in Worcester Co., Mass., where we find record of the birth of the only Elijah Clark which approximates that of the earliest entry on Chart IV., whose tombstone gives his death as Nov. 17, 1806, aged 55. His birth must have occurred in 1751 or 1752.

November 30, 1750, "Samuel Cleark of Chestor, New Hampshire" married Marcy Towne of Sutton, Massachusetts, at the latter place, and the births of eight children are recorded in Sutton, the last being in 1756. These births and this marriage are the only Clark records in Sutton or vicinity, and it is probable that after the birth of his last child Samuel took his family back to New Hampshire. The oldest child of Samuel and Marcy (Towne) Clark was Elijah Clark, born at Sutton, Mass., February 14, 1752. The only Clark wills or deeds in Worcester County belong to a wholly different family from the City of Worcester.

Two facts increase our interest in this Elijah Clark, son of Samuel and Marcy (Towne) who was born in 1752 in Sutton. The first concerns a Samuel Clark, second child of Samuel and Abigail (Guttereson) Clark, who was born March 27, 1727 in Methuen, Essex Co., Mass., and who "probably removed to New Hampshire" (according to the family records). He may have located in Chester, N. H., and be identical with the